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## REP. MEYERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ATTEND BRIEFING ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN WISCONSIN

MADISON- Today, State Representative Beth Meyers (D – Bayfield) had the opportunity to attend the Human Trafficking Film Screening and Program at the Legendary Waters Resort and Casino in Red Cliff, Wisconsin. This film screening was presented by the Wisconsin Women's Council and the Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services.

"I am very pleased that the Wisconsin Women's Council and the Wisconsin Department of Justice are focusing their efforts on awareness of human trafficking. This is a serious issue in many parts of our state, and I'm encouraged that this film screening and program will help to educate our community on this extremely important issue that many individuals face," stated Meyers.

The Wisconsin Crime Victims Council and the Wisconsin Women's Council have recently been collaborating with the National Human Trafficking Resource Center. This partnership is focused on ensuring that victims of human trafficking can find help, support, and services in a timely manner at both the state and local level.

"The Wisconsin Women's Council is proud to partner with the Red Cliff Coordinated Services Team as part of our statewide effort to connect local communities to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center. Our goal is to build a strong, locally focused referral network in Wisconsin to best serve local providers, law enforcement, community members, and victims of human trafficking who call the National Hotline for help. The resources available through the National Human Trafficking Resource Center are a great compliment to the leadership and work to identify and address human trafficking already underway in the Red Cliff and Bayfield communities," said Christine Lidbury, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Women's Council.

"This is an issue that goes unseen through many parts of our community and our state, and this is a positive effort to increase education and awareness. I applaud the efforts of these organizations coming together to provide support, services, and resources to victims," said Representative Meyers.